GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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LOSS IN EXPORT AND IMPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantum and price of foodgrains exported by the Government between January 2004 and January, 2007 alongwith the names of countries to which it was exported;

(b) the details of quantum and rate of foodgrains imported, during the said period, alongwith the names of countries from where they were imported;

(c) the names of the foodgrains imported at rates higher than the rates at which they were exported alongwith the resultant loss incurred by the Government therein; and

(d) the reasons for the such loss making imports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The quantity of wheat and rice exported from the Central Pool between January 2004 and January 2007 is as follows:

(Figures in Lakh MTs)

	Wheat	Rice
Total	19.67	2.01

1.88 lakh MTs and 0.15 Lakh MTs of wheat have been lifted by the World Food Programme (WFP) as humanitarian aid to Afghanistan and Iraq respectively.

The statements showing the Wheat and Rice Prices announced by the Government from time to time as the effective export price for export purposes are at Annexure-I & II.

(b): 49.10 lakh MTs of wheat has been imported by STC for Central Pool account between January 2004 and January 2007 at the weighted average price of 205.31 US dollars from Australia, Canada, France, Russia, Hungary, Czeck Republic, Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria, Argentina and Slovakia.

(c): Government does not undertake export/import of foodgrains, simultaneously. However, depending upon the situation, decision to either import or export foodgrains, is taken. Hence, no loss is incurred by the Government on this account.

(d) Does not arise